

Thursday, February 12, 1998

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S679-S794*

**Measures Introduced:** Twenty-eight bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1635-1662, S. Res. 176-178, and S. Con. Res. 76 and 77. Pages S730-31

**Measures Reported:** Reports were made as follows:

S. 1248, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for vessel SUMMER BREEZE. (S. Rept. No. 105-161)

S. 1272, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel ARCELLA. (S. Rept. No. 105-162)

S. 1235, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel registered as State of Oregon official number OR 766 YE. (S. Rept. No. 105-163)

S. Res. 148, designating 1998 as the "Onate Cuatrocenenario", the 400th anniversary commemoration of the first permanent Spanish settlement in New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S730

#### **Measures Passed:**

**Recognizing Vietnam POW's:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 177, recognizing, and calling on all Americans to recognize, the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict and stating that the American people will not forget that more than 2,000 members of the Armed Forces remain unaccounted for from the Vietnam conflict and will continue to press for the fullest possible accounting for all such members whose whereabouts are unknown. Pages S716-19

**Legal Counsel Representation:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 178, to authorize production of Senate documents and representation by Senate Legal Counsel in

*United States f.u.b.o. Kimberly Industries, Inc., et al. v. Trafalgar House Construction, Inc. et al.* Pages S790-91

**National Sea Grant College Program Reauthorizations:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 927, to reauthorize the Sea Grant Program, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S726-27

**Energy Policy and Conservation:** Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2472, to extend certain programs under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act, with the following amendment: Pages S728-29

Coverdell (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 1645, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S728-29

Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon. Page S729

**Military Construction Appropriations—Veto Message—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent time-agreement was reached providing for the consideration of the veto message to accompany H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45, on Wednesday, February 25, 1998. Page S727

**Authority for Committees:** Committees were authorized to file executive and legislative reports during the adjournment of the Senate on Thursday, February 19, 1998, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., with an exception. Pages S727-28

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Michael B. Thornton, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after he takes office.

Donald C. Lubick, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

L. Paige Marvel, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years after she takes office.

Richard W. Fisher, of Texas, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador. Pages S725-26, S794

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine list in the Air Force. **Pages S793–94**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of the withdrawal of the following nominations:

John H. Bingler, Jr., of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania, which was sent to the Senate on July 31, 1997.

Lynne Lasry, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of California, which was sent to the Senate on February 12, 1997. **Pages S729, S794**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 5:31 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, February 13, 1998, for a pro forma session.

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Air Force programs, receiving testimony from F. Whitten Peters, Acting Secretary of the Air Force; and Gen. Michael E. Ryan, USAF, Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

Committee recessed subject to call.

### UNFUNDED MANDATES

*Committee on the Budget:* Committee concluded hearings on the implementation of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (P.L. 104–4), and on S. 389 and provisions of H.R. 1010, measures to establish a point of order against congressional consideration of bills that contain private-sector mandates with costs over the \$100 million threshold, regardless of whether federal funding is provided, and to direct the Congressional Budget Office to provide expanded cost information for private-sector mandates above the threshold, after receiving testimony from Representatives Condit and Portman; James L. Blum, Deputy Director, Congressional Budget Office; R.

Bruce Josten, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Sharon Buccino, Natural Resources Defense Council, both of Washington, D.C.; and John Nicholson, Company Flowers, Arlington, Virginia.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Winter D. Horton Jr., of Utah, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Bennett, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### SATELLITE CARRIER FEES

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded hearings on S. 1422, to provide for a one-year delay in an increase in the copyright fees satellite carriers pay for superstation and network affiliate signals delivered to satellite TV households, after receiving testimony from Fritz Attaway, Motion Picture Association of America, and Gene Kimmelman, Consumers Union, both of Washington, D.C.; Eddy W. Hartenstein, DirecTV, Inc., El Segundo, California; and Larry Wetsit, Nemont Telephone Cooperative, Inc./Nemont Communications, Inc., Scobey, Montana.

### AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Aviation concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Airport Improvement Program, after receiving testimony from Todd Hauptli, American Association of Airport Executives, Alexandria, Virginia; David Plavin, Airports Council International-North America, and Edward A. Merlis, Air Transport Association of America, both of Washington, D.C.; Robert Kunkel, National Association of State Aviation Officials, Silver Spring, Maryland; and David Roberts, BAA Indianapolis, Indianapolis, Indiana.

### PUBLIC LANDS/NATIONAL MONUMENTS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 62, to prohibit further extension or establishment of any national monument in Idaho without full public participation and an express Act of Congress, S. 477, to require an Act of Congress and the consultation with the Governor and State legislature prior to the establishment by the President of national monuments in excess of 5,000 acres, S. 691, to ensure that the public and the Congress have the right and opportunity to participate in decisions that affect the use and management of all public lands, H.R. 901, to preserve the sovereignty of the U.S. over public lands

and acquired lands owned by the United States, and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal lands surrounding those public lands and acquired lands, and H.R. 1127, to provide for congressional review of national monument status and consultation, after receiving testimony from John D. Leshy, Solicitor, Department of the Interior; Rafe Pomerance, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; William Perry Pendley, Mountain States Legal Foundation, and John F. Shepherd, Holland and Hart, both of Denver, Colorado; and Edward M. Norton, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Theodore Roosevelt, IV, Lehman Brothers, on behalf of the National Parks and Conservation Association, both of Washington, D.C.

### ASIAN FINANCIAL CRISIS

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee held hearings to examine the International Monetary Fund's role in the Asia financial crisis, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary, and Lawrence H. Summers, Deputy Secretary, both of the Department of the Treasury; and Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ADOPTION REFORM

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia concluded hearings to examine certain recommendations to reform the adoption and foster care system in the District of Columbia, after receiving testimony from Representative Camp; Rochelle Chronister, Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services, Topeka; and Ernestine F. Jones, District of Columbia Child and Family Services, Judith Meltzer, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Thomas Wells, Consortium for Child Welfare, Debora D. Caruth, and Gordon Henry Gosselink, all of Washington, D.C.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

The nominations of Jeremy D. Fogel, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Edward F. Shea, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Washington, Richard L. Young, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Indiana, Beverly Baldwin Martin, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Georgia, and Hiram Arthur Contreras, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas; and

S. Res. 148, designating 1998 as the "Onate Cuartocentenario", the 400th anniversary commemoration of the first permanent Spanish settlement in New Mexico, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

### AUTHORIZATION—EDUCATION OF THE DEAF ACT

*Committee on Labor and Human Resources:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for Gallaudet University and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf as contained in the Education of the Deaf Act, after receiving testimony from Judith E. Heumann, Assistant Secretary of Education for Special Education and Rehabilitative Services; I. King Jordan, Gallaudet University, Robert R. Da Vila, National Technical Institute for the Deaf, Sarah E. Snyder, Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, and Nancy J. Bloch, National Association of the Deaf, all of Washington, D.C.; Megan Clancy, Boston, Massachusetts; Mollie Easter, Algona, Iowa; Rebecca Ellis, Putney, Vermont; Meghan Rainone, Marlton, New Jersey; Matthew Hamill, Loveland, Ohio; and Kathryn Hoheusle, Bethel, New York.

### IRS REFORM: TAXPAYER RIGHTS

*Committee on Small Business:* Committee held hearings on proposals to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service and improve taxpayer rights, including the proposed Putting the Taxpayer First Act of 1998, receiving testimony from C. Virginia Kirkpatrick, CVK Personnel Management and Training Specialists, and Edith B. Quick, Quick Tax and Accounting Service, both of St. Louis, Missouri; Ron Morgan, Husch and Eppenger, Kansas City, Missouri; Roger N. Harris, Padgett Business Services, Athens, Georgia; Jack Doll, Marjon, Inc., Frederick, Maryland, on behalf of the National Federation of Independent Business; and Nancy Workman, Workman Construction Company, and Elizabeth A. Nielson, Nielson & Associates, both of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

### TOBACCO SETTLEMENT: NATIVE AMERICAN PROVISIONS

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded hearings on proposed tobacco settlement provisions with regard to tobacco-related activities on Indian lands as contained in S. 1414 and S. 1530 (both pending on Senate calendar), and S. 1415, bills to reform and restructure the process by which tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed, to prevent the use of tobacco products by minors, and to redress the adverse health effects of tobacco use, after receiving testimony from W. Craig

Vanderwagen, Director, Clinical and Preventive Services, Office of Public Health, Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services; Thomas LeClaire, Director, Office of Tribal Justice, Department of Justice; Washington State Attorney General Christine Gregoire, Olympia; Colorado Attorney General Gale Norton, Denver; Gary Lasley, Omaha

Tribe of Nebraska, Macy; Mark Hutton, Hutton & Hutton, Wichita, Kansas, on behalf of the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe; Alex Tallchief Skibine, University of Utah College of Law, Salt Lake City; and Franklin Ducheneaux, Ducheneaux, Taylor & Associates, Washington, D.C.

## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

**Bills Introduced:** 40 public bills, H.R. 3205–3244; 1 private bill, H.R. 3245; and 10 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 218–222 and H. Res. 360–364, were introduced.

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**Reports Filed:** No reports were filed today.

**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Donald F. Christian of Fairfax, Virginia.

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**Journal:** By a ye and nay vote of 353 yeas to 43 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 14, the House agreed to the Speaker’s approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February 11.

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**Dismissing Election Contest:** The House agreed to H. Res. 355, dismissing the election contest against Loretta Sanchez by a ye and nay vote of 378 yeas to 33 nays, Roll No. 16.

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By a ye and nay vote of 194 yeas to 215 nays, Roll No. 15, rejected the Hoyer motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Oversight with instructions to report it back to the House forthwith with an amendment to strike the preamble.

Pages H463–64

**Suspension Failed—Voter Eligibility Verification Act:** By a ye and nay vote of 210 yeas to 200 nays (with two-thirds required for passage), Roll No. 17, the House failed to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 1428, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to establish a system through which the Commissioner of Social Security and the Attorney General respond to inquiries made by election officials concerning the citizenship of voting registration applicants and to amend the Social Security Act to permit States to require individuals registering to vote in elections to provide the individual’s Social Security number.

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**Recognizing POWs During Vietnam Conflict:** The House agreed to H. Res. 360, recognizing the courage and sacrifice of the members of the Armed

Forces held as prisoners of war during the Vietnam conflict.

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**George Washington’s Birthday Observance:** Agreed that it be in order for the Speaker to appoint two members of the House, one upon the recommendation of the Minority Leader, to represent the House of Representatives at appropriate ceremonies for the observance of George Washington’s birthday to be held on Monday, February 23, 1998.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, February 25, 1998.

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**Resignations—Appointments:** Agreed that notwithstanding any adjournment of the House until Tuesday, February 24, 1998, the Speaker, Majority Leader and Minority Leader be authorized to accept resignations and to make appointments authorized by law or by the House.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 3:40 and reconvened at 5:05 p.m.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four ye and nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H449–50, H463–64, H464, and H477. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and pursuant to H. Con. Res. 201, adjourned at 5:35 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 24 for Morning Hour Debates.

### *Committee Meetings*

**AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Secretary of Agriculture. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture.

**LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the Secretary of Labor. Testimony was heard from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor.

**LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative held a hearing on the Joint Committee on Printing. Testimony was heard from Representative Ney.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction held an Overview hearing. Testimony was heard from William J. Lynn, III, Under Secretary (Comptroller), Department of Defense.

**NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from Edward D. Martin, M.D., Acting Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

**TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation held a hearing on the Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Meade, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; and John Anderson, Director, Transportation Issues, Resources, Community and Economic Development Division, GAO.

**VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES  
APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the following: Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; DOD-Civil, Cemeterial Expenses, Army and on the Council on Environmental Quality. Testimony was heard from Paul Hill, Jr., Chair and CEO, Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board; the following officials of Arlington National Cemetery: John Metzler, Superintendent; Rory Smith, Budget Office; Claudia Tornblom, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Management and Budget; John Zirschky, Acting Assistant Secretary, Civil Works, Department of the Army; and Kathleen McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.

**NAZI GOLD; COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Banking and Financial Services:* Held a hearing on the restitution of art objects seized by the Nazi from Holocaust victims and on insurance claims of certain Holocaust victims and their heirs. Testimony was heard from Senators D'Amato, Specter and Torricelli; Representatives Foley and Engel; Stephen E. Weil, Emeritus Senior Scholar, Smithsonian Institution; and public witnesses.

The Committee also considered pending Committee business.

**CLONING—LEGAL, MEDICAL, ETHICAL,  
AND SOCIAL ISSUES**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health and Environment held a hearing on Cloning: Legal, Medical, Ethical, and Social Issues. Testimony was heard from Senator Frist; Representative Ehlers; and public witnesses.

**MOLTEN METAL TECHNOLOGY FUNDING**

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on the Department of Energy's Funding of Molten Metal Technology. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CONTRACT AGREEMENTS—OVERSIGHT  
INVESTIGATION—TEAMSTERS ELECTION**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Approved Contract Agreements with those providing services to the Committee in relation to the oversight investigation of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters election.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; PATIENT  
ACCESS ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS;  
COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Ordered reported the following measures:

H.R. 3120, amended, to designate the United States Post Office located at 95 West 100 South Street in Provo, Utah, as the "Howard C. Nielson Post Office Building"; H.R. 2766, to designate the United States Post Office located at 215 East Jackson Street in Painsville, Ohio, as the "Karl Bernal Post Office Building"; H.R. 2773, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3750 North Kedzie Avenue in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Daniel J. Doffyn Post Office Building"; H.R. 2836, to designate the building of the United States Postal Service located at 180 East Kellogg Boulevard in Saint Paul, Minnesota, as the "Eugene J. McCarthy Post Office Building"; S. 916, to designate the United States Post Office building located at 750 Highway 28 East in Taylorsville, Mississippi, as the "Blaine H. Easton Post Office Building"; and S. 985, to designate the post office located at 194

Ward Street in Paterson, New Jersey, as the Larry Coby Post Office”.

The Committee concluded hearings on Patient Access to Alternative Treatments: Beyond the FDA. Testimony was heard from Representatives DeFazio and Moran of Virginia; Ed Gochenour, Senator, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

The Committee also considered pending committee business.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 2982, Quality Child Care for Federal Employees.

Prior to this action, the Subcommittee concluded hearings on this legislation. Testimony was heard from Representative Gilman.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 2883, Government Performance and Results Act Technical Amendments of 1997. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Assistant Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; G. Edward DeSeve, Acting Deputy Director, OMB; and public witnesses.

### OVERSIGHT—PENSION SECURITY

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Human Resources held an oversight hearing on Pension Security: DOL Erisa Enforcement and the Limited Scope Audit Exemption. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Labor: Olena Berg, Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration; and Patricia Dalton, Deputy Inspector General; David L. Clark, Director, Audit Oversight and Liaison, GAO; and public witnesses.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on the Administration's Fiscal Year 1999 International Affairs Budget request. Testimony was heard from Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

### SRI LANKA ANNIVERSARY; CENTRAL ASIAN REPUBLICS—U.S. INTERESTS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Res. 350, congratulating the people of Sri Lanka on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of their nation's independence.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on U.S. Interests in the Central Asian Republics. Testimony was heard from Robert W. Gee, Assistant Secretary, Policy, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights approved for full Committee action the following measures: H.R. 2678, amended, International Child Labor Elimination Act of 1997; and S. Con. Res. 37, expressing the sense of Congress that Little League Baseball Inc. was established to support and develop Little League baseball worldwide and should be entitled to all of the benefits and privileges available to nongovernmental international organizations.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2604, Religious Liberty and Charitable Donation Protection Act of 1997; and H.R. 2611, Religious Fairness in Bankruptcy Act of 1997. Testimony was heard from Senator Grassley; Representatives Chenoweth and Packard; and public witnesses.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; OVERSIGHT—INTERNET DOMAIN

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2652, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act; and H.R. 3163, Trade Dress Protection Act; and an oversight hearing on Internet Domain Name Trademark Protection. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY THREATS

*Committee on National Security:* Held a hearing on Threats to United States National Security. Testimony was heard from the following former Directors of the CIA: James Woolsey; and John Deutch.

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans approved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 2807, amended, Rhino and Tiger Product Labeling Act; H.R. 3113, Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Reauthorization Act of 1998; and H.R. 3164, amended, Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998.

### OVERSIGHT—TUCSON ROD AND GUN CLUB

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Tucson Rod and Gun Club, Arizona. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Forest Service, USDA: Michael Dombeck, Chief, and Robert Joslin, Chief, National Forest Systems; and public witnesses.

**ROAD FROM KYOTO**

*Committee on Science:* Continued hearings on the Road from Kyoto Part 2: Kyoto and the Administration's Fiscal Year 1999 Budget request. Testimony was heard from John H. Gibbons, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy; Ernest J. Moniz, Under Secretary, Department of Energy; David M. Gardiner, Assistant Administrator, Policy, Planning and Evaluation, EPA; and Gary R. Bachula, Acting Under Secretary, Technology, Department of Commerce.

**SPACE TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on Aeronautics and Space Transportation Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NASA: Richard S. Christiansen, Acting Associate Administrator, Aeronautics and Advanced Space Transportation Technology; and Gary E. Payton, Deputy Associate Administrator (Space Transportation Technology); and a public witness.

**REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY ACT COMPLIANCE**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing to examine Federal Agency compliance with section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, GAO; Enrique Figueroa, Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; Nancy E. McFadden, General Counsel, Department of Transportation; Debra A. Valentine, General Counsel, FTC; and a public witness.

**VA BUDGET**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs budget request for FY 1999. Testimony was heard from Frank Q. Nebeker, Chief Judge, U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; Espiridion Borrego, Assistant Secretary, Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Department of Labor; representatives of veterans organizations; and a public witness.

**REDUCE FEDERAL TAX BURDEN**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Concluded hearings on ways to reduce the Federal tax burden on the American public. Testimony was heard from Representatives Hulshof and Kucinich; and public witnesses.

**AGRICULTURE TRADE BARRIERS**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Trade held hearing on U.S. efforts to reduce barriers to trade in agriculture. Testimony was heard from Representative Thurman; Gus Schumacher, Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; Peter L. Scher, Special Trade Negotiator, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D73)

H.R. 1271, to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration's research, engineering, and development programs for fiscal years 1998 and 1999. Signed February 11, 1998. (P.L. 105-155)

H.R. 3042, to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to establish the United States Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to conduct environmental conflict resolution and training. Signed February 11, 1998. (P.L. 105-156)

S. 1349, to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to issue a certificate of documentation with appropriate endorsement for employment in the coastwise trade for the vessel PRINCE NOVA. Signed February 11, 1998. (P.L. 105-157)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 13, 1998****Senate**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

**House**

No committee meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

10 a.m., Friday, February 13

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 24

## Senate Chamber

**Program for Friday:** Senate will meet in pro forma session.

## House Chamber

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